

**Maine Division Society of American Foresters  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 22, 2016  
Seven Islands Land Company Conference Room  
Ashland**

Attending: Kris Hoffmann, Jessica Leahy, Kirby Ellis, Tony Filauro, Ken Laustsen, Laura Audibert.

**Anti-trust Statement/Call to Order**

Kris called the meeting to order at 8:13 AM with a brief anti-trust statement.

**Review, amend and approve Minutes**

Jessica motioned to approve the April 1, 2016 minutes as presented, Kirby 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill emailed the current report out to the EC late Thursday. Jessica motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Kirby 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval.

**Business Items**

**Nominations**

Kirby and Brian will run again as Members-at-Large. Dave Parker offered to run as a MAL or the NESAF rep. We figured the NESAF Rep would be better for Dave since he is further south. Bill will run again as Treasurer. The suggested people for Chair-elect include Ron Lemin, Mike Dann and Kenny Fergusson. Suggestions for MAL are Mandy Farrar, Colton Burgess, Karl Honkonen, Sue Aygarn, Joel Philbrook and Kyle Burdick. **Bob C.** will contact these folks and prepare the slate for the election.

Ken reported that NESAF will be doing its own elections this year and the deadline for nomination submissions is **September 1, 2016**.

**Field Tour Update**

2016 Summer Mill Tour—Kirby reported that the tours went well. The tours were cut short due to the mills closing early due to the hot weather. Kirby submitted a preliminary budget report for the tour. It will be updated with the actual payment figures.

Hardwood Silviculture Tour—Brian emailed that he is concerned about the low registration count so far. No SWOAM, members have registered yet. **Laura** will prepare an email for Bill to send out to the membership encouraging folks to register for both the hardwood tour and Dave's September tour. **Ken** will contact Greg Lord at the MFS and have him send out a notice on their listserv.

Riding Through Forest History—Dave is meeting with the tour presenters next week (~~August~~July 25-29) and so far the agenda remains the same.

## Fall Meeting Planning

It was decided to change up the format this year to have the MESAF Business Meeting and morning session indoors, then do three field options in the afternoon. Jessica suggested having a “Words of Wisdom” session and inviting MESAF Golden Members to discuss their views on change. The group concluded that a session like this, though very informative, would not likely qualify for category 1 licensing credits.

The group decided on having the Business Meeting conclude at 9:30 AM, followed by possible topics/speakers as Mindy Crandall on the Economic Development Action Team, Pat Strauch on the [new MFPC Annual Forest Economy Report](#) and Aaron ~~Weisket~~[Weiskittel](#) on the UMaine Road Map. **Ken** will ask Pat S. to hold the date (October 28) open, **Jessica** will have Mindy hold the date as well. Lunch will be 12:00 – 1:00 PM and boxed lunches will be ordered to either eat indoors or take on a bus. The afternoon tours will be 1:00—4:00 PM. **Brian** will coordinate an on-campus tour (Geospatial Lab, Wood Composites Lab, Bio-products research), **someone (?)** will contact Keith Kanoti and Bob Seymour to arrange a white pine silviculture tour at the University Forest and **Kirby** will coordinate an operations tour nearby. We will need the participant capacity for each tour.

The final Fall Meeting plan will be determined at the **September 2** EC meeting. The speakers will be confirmed by **September 9** and the flyer will go out by **September 16**.

## Allagash Bridge Memorial

The Memorial will be dedicated today at 12:00 PM. Kris will lead the event and invite others to speak. North Maine Woods is providing lunch afterward on site. **Jessica, Kris, Ken,** and **Ron Lemin** will work with NMW on a permanent foundation for the stone.

## Licensing Board Update

Ken provided a written report earlier in the week:

Board of Licensure of Foresters (June 23, 2016)

The last meeting of the Board was January 21; having canceled the two in-between meetings of February 25 and April 28.

Attending were - Sarah Medina (Chair and Continuing Education Officer); Max McCormack; John Ackley; Steve Pelletier; and Ted Shina (Complaint Officer)

The minutes of the January 21 meeting were approved with one minor amendment.

The bulk of the meeting was an adjudicatory hearing regarding the lack of documented continuing education credits, failure to provide timely communications, and a contested consent agreement.

Two Board members were secluded, leaving just three members for the hearing. There were four allegations

1. Misrepresentation – found to be violation
2. Lack of documentation for 12 continuing education credits in 2014 and lack of documentation of 8 Category 1 credits in 2014 – found to be in violation.
3. Failure to provide additional underlying documentation – found to be in violation.
4. Failure to produce additional documentation in possession/control at Board’s request – not found in violation.

The Board issued a warning, a \$500 fine, and a requirement that licensee meet 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 CEU requirements, and have them approved by Sarah Medina, before December 31, 2016. Board will conduct a targeted audit for 2017 and 2018.

Board cleaned up some procedural language regarding the issuance/denial of intern licenses  
Maine exam is now available in Portland and Farmington, most takers are passing the exam, and license numbers are holding steady.

Next scheduled Board meeting is August 28.

All New England states except Rhode Island require forester licensing.

## **NESAF Report**

Ken provided a written report earlier in the week:

NESAF Executive Committee Update (presented at the MESAF Executive Committee Meeting on July 22, 2016)

The NESAF EC met on June 15, 2016 at SPNHF in Concord, NH

- Jeff Ward was appointed as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2016
- Susan Francher was appointed as the NESAF Membership Chair
- Board of Directors Report (Si Balch)
  - Selected a District VI Student Representative
  - Selected a District VI President Field Forester
  - Raised a question about whether NESAF and NYSAF should supply funding for these two individuals to attend the National Convention.
  - There is still interest by NYSAF in having a joint meeting, the EC suggested that NESAF and Green Mountain Division might consider hosting in 2019
- 2016 NESAF Annual Meeting – The location was considered to be quite good for those in the Yankee Division (CT, ~~Ma~~A, and RI), and that the facilities were a little dated and not well suited for our banquet
  - Financials were very favorable, the Silent Auction/Raffle raised \$1,922 which will be made available to the NESAF Grants program, and the 50% meeting profit share to NESAF was \$2,958.92
  - Proposed that a special business meeting raffle be offered to encourage attendance
- Membership – As of 5/1/16, there were 1,006 members, with 84 members on pending purge list
- Forest Science Coordinator – The News Quarterly theme for June will be “Forest Fire in NE” and for September “Wildlife”
- Elections – NESAF will process all elections at their cost, hence required submission of nominations may be delayed from August 1 to September 1
- Website Administrator – Current 2008 design needs an update, received 2 RPF’s for that redesign; the top three uses of the existing website are 1) Job searches, 2) News Quarterly, and 3) Annual Meeting information
- Grants – nothing new
- Awards – discussion about whether current nomination process can be simplified to encourage more nominations, no action taken.

- Policy
  - Vermont now has a forest licensing requirement, that went into effect on July 1, 2016
    - All Vermont Consulting Foresters need to become licensed
    - Any SAF CF can be auto-licensed in VT
    - Any forester licensed in another state, can be auto-licensed in VT
  - Expansion of USFWS Conte Wildlife Refuge is a hot topic, especially in VT and NH, as proposed, it will take forestland out of production, so the expansion and level of management on the new lands are the hot buttons
- News Quarterly – is seeking general interest articles and is exploring a joint effort with NE – The Wildlife Society
- Budget/Treasurers Report – well within line items at this point in the year.
- Yankee Division – long discussion on the possible dissolution of this Division, as it has not held an official business meeting in several years, has not held division officer elections, and is sitting on a sizable pool of money. I offered insight and an opinion regarding respective Division and Chapter language on dissolution in their Bylaws.
- 2020 SAF National Convention Status (as of Monday, July 18 from Fred Borman, NESAF Chair)
  - I just got off the phone with Christopher Whited at the National Office. He let me know that National is committed to trying to find a suitable location in New England for the 2020 national convention. He spoke to Delaney Meeting and Event Management in Burlington, VT a couple of weeks ago and they have reopened the search to find an appropriate facility in New England, including Hartford and Providence, and are requesting bids.
  - Christopher said there is nothing more we in NESAF need to do at the moment. He will know by the end of the year if we are to host the 2020 national convention. Then the work begins.
  - In election news, Jeff Ward is going to run for Chair for 2017 and I have two potential candidates for chair-elect but will not have confirmation of that until the beginning of August. We still need candidates for State Rep. for MA, ME and VT. I've spoken to one person in Massachusetts but he was going to talk to Bill Hill as well.
  - Still no word from National on the issue of the Yankee Division. I have a call in to Louise Murgia but have not heard back from her.

The Yankee Division may dissolve. MA, CT and RI each have their own Chapter. The order of SAF units is: National—District (NY+NE)—Multi-state Society (NESAF)—Division (ME, Granite State, Green Mountain, Yankee)—Chapter (MA, CT, RI).

On the possible 2020 national convention in NE, there is poor communication with National on everything.

## **NESAF 2017**

The organization committee is:

General Chair—Kris H.  
Arrangements/Sponsor Chair—Ron Lemin  
Exhibits—Bob Cousins  
Raffle/Auction—Karl Honkonan, Bob Cousins  
Program—Carol Redelsheimer  
Posters/Flash Talks—Bob Seymour (pending)  
AV—Wil Mercier (pending)  
Quiz Bowl—Gretchen Heldemann  
Registration—Laura

Kris and Carol will be touring the Cross Center on Wednesday, July 27. Accommodations will be at the Residence Inn next to the Center and at its sister hotel ([Fairfield Inn & Suites](#)) on the Odlin Road.

The NE Forest Pest Council is definitely with us on the same days. Ken will try to find out if The Wildlife Society wants to join in.

Since the Winter Meeting information is only in the NESAF News Quarterly, Laura will have a notice sent out on the MFS listserv so it reaches all LPFs.

Ken asked the group for suggestions for the Leadership Academy, which we will be hosting on the last day of the NESAF meeting. The “Escape Room” in Portland was suggested as a good skill building exercise.

### **Committee Reports**

Student Chapter—No report.

Communications—Tony will report on our field tours and he asked for info and photos from each tour. The deadline for the next issue is September 22.

Forestry Awareness—Anna submitted a written report via email on Thursday:

### **June 2016 Forestry Awareness Report**

#### **Lewiston HS event, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

9am – 12:30pm: Pat Maloney needed foresters to help with a Forest Field Day for 90 Lewiston High School science students at Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary. They covered a variety of topics. SAF members Lloyd Irland and Ken Laustsen volunteered.

**Children’s Days, May 25, 26, & 27 at MFLM/Leonard’s Mills** 9am-1pm: Past volunteer foresters brought branches with leaves, 'cookies', etc. to share info. about trees. Also stations w/ 'historic' forestry tools--cant dogs, all sorts of saws, axes, etc. being demonstrated. SAF member Jake Maier volunteered.

**Envirothon.** Mid-Coast Regional – Wednesday, April 27 at MOFGA in Unity. Some problems getting information from Josh Platt, the coordinator. Had some short notice, lack of communication and errors in dates he gave me. Not sure why they are asking for our volunteers when it seems like they usually get state foresters to cover the forestry unit and then offer our

volunteers other options (like watersheds or current topics).

**Upcoming Events:**

**Natural Resource Professionals/PLT workshop**, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Maine Forest Products Council from 8:30am - 1:00pm. CFEs might be available. More info from Pat to follow soon.

**UMaine Forestry Camp.** Bill Livingston has needed volunteers in past years. Have emailed him to see which days and how many he might need.

There should be a few other activities this fall-- I'll keep everyone informed.

-I've also emailed Jake Maier and Lloyd Irland to get feedback on their volunteer experiences this spring so that we can see if there are opportunities to improve these experiences/events.

The meeting adjourned at ~11:15 AM. The group headed to the Memorial site.

Submitted by

*Laura Audibert*